Bandh call given by militant organisations in States

†918. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the incidents of bandh call given out frequently by militant organisations in many States including Jharkhand;

(b) whether Government is also aware that due to this bandh call, road and rail traffic as well as normal life get disrupted badly;

(c) whether any report has been received from the State Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Central Government intends to take any action in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) Government is aware of calls for 'bandhs' given by militant organisations and of the impact of such 'bandhs' on normal life and road and rail traffic. Law and order being a State subject, the concenerd State Governments take necessary action in dealing with law and order problems in the respective States. State Governments also send periodic reports on the law and order situation. Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

Cyber terrorism through computers

†919. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cyber terrorism through computers has reached a serious situation in the world;

(b) whether US Air Force has constituted a "Cyber Space Command" to have a control on it;

(c) whether Government is formulating any plan or *modus operandi* to tackle cyber terrorism in the country; and

(d) if so, the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Terrorism is now a global phenomenon. As per available information, terrorist groups are becoming increasingly techno-savy in pursuing their nefarious agenda.

(b) As per available information, the US Air Force has announced the formation of a Cyber Space Command to protect its Networks.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken the following steps to tackle cyber crimes/terrorism in the country:—

(i) The Information Technology Act, 2000 provides a legal framework to prevent cyber crimes. Further, a Bill has been introduced in Lok Sabha on 15.12.2006 to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000. The amendmnets provide for insertion or new legal provisions to address computer crimes like, phishing, spaming, online frauds, identity thefts and video voyeurism. The provisions also provide for data protection.

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